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Building Season Is Here - Got Permits?

The snow has finally melted and the building and landscaping plans you've been itching to get started can finally come to fruition! However, before you get started, it's important to ensure you've obtained all necessary local, state and federal permits. Most construction and excavation activities, especially when conducted near lakes, ponds, rivers, streams or wetlands require a permit.

Non-permitted activity can harm the environment. It can cause flooding in neighboring property, degradation of lake or downstream water quality and it can harm fish and wildlife habitat. Property owners can avoid expensive restoration fees and project set-backs by educating themselves about permit requirements. The sooner you apply for a permit the easier it will be for your project to stay on track.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Land Resources Management Program can assist you in obtaining the proper permits. NHDES has many on-line options to help simplify the permitting process. If you are a potential applicant, please visit the DES Land Resources Management website and use our interactive on-line tools to determine if a permit is required. (View the "Technical Assistance" section at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/lrm/index.htm> for more information.)

Additionally, NHDES created the "Got Permits?" poster that can help you quickly determine if permit is required. <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/lrm/documents/got-permits.pdf> Please help be a steward of the environment and get a permit.

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